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Dear Counsel:

IN RE: Docket No. 2007-41-W

Application of Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc. for Approval of transfer of its Water System to the City of Columbia.

The enclosed correspondence was received by the Commission on May 16, 2007. Because this correspondence involves a pending case before the Commission I am sending a copy to all parties of record and including it in the Commission's docket file for this matter.

As you all know, the Code of Judicial Conduct prevents me and the other Commissioners from considering information transmitted outside of the record in the case. Please let me know if you have any concerns, or if you believe that any further action is required by me or the Commission as a result of this communication.

Yours very truly,

G. O'Neal Hamilton

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c: Michael N. Couick, Esquire PSC-DMS

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THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.

The Association of South Carolina's Consumer Owned Electric Cooperatives Which Serve More Than 1.3 Million Citizens



May 15, 2007

The Honorable G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

FAX: 803-896-5246

Re: Application of Ashley Oaks Water System, Inc., for Approval of Transfer of Its

Water System to the City of Columbia

Docket No. 2007-41-W

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

Our office has been contacted by electric cooperative members who either currently receive service from Ashley Oaks Waters System, Inc., or are constructing homes to be serviced by the water system. These members inform us that they are in favor of a transfer to City of Columbia service for a variety of reasons. For example, we are informed that in some cases, problems with the system have delayed the initial connection of newly-constructed homes.

We understand that the Commission is currently considering a proposal to make such a transfer of Ashley Oaks system to the City of Columbia. We take no position on the merits of this proposal. However, we write to urge swift consideration of this matter so that our affected members can obtain some certainty as to their future service expectations.

Very truly yours.

Michael N. Couick

President and Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Dukes Scott, Office of Regulatory Staff Charlie Terrini, Public Service Commission